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	6.	04/14/1987	4,657,019	Walsh et al.			
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	8.	11/29/1988	4,787,386	Walsh et al.			
	9.	04/17/1990	4,917,087	Walsh et al.			
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	12.	08/21/1990	4,950,227	Savin et al.			
	13.	11/26/1991	5,067,957	Jervis			
	14.	01/07/1992	5,078,736	Behl			
	15.	10/20/1992	5,156,613	Sawyer			
	16.	03/02/1993	5,190,546	Jervis			
	17.	08/10/1993	5,234,447	Kaster et al.			
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	20.	08/22/1995	5,443,497	Venbrux			
	21.	04/2/1996	5,503,635	Sauer et al.			
	22.	11/05/1996	5,571,167	Maginot			
	23.	01/07/1997	5,591,226	Trerotola et al.			
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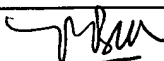
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